

PATENT  
Atty. Docket: 5740XYC

**CONTINUATION-IN-PART DECLARATION AND  
POWER OF ATTORNEY IN PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**HAND-HELD OPTICALLY READABLE CHARACTER SET READER HAVING  
AUTOMATIC FOCUS CONTROL FOR OPERATION OVER A RANGE OF DISTANCES**  
described and claimed in the specification as filed on September 19, 1994 as U.S. Serial  
Nº 08/309,334.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. APPLICATIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States applications that are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in those prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the filing date of this application.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/215,112, DN 35740XYB, filed March 17, 1994, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/947,036, DN 35740XYA, filed September 16, 1992, now USPN 5,308,966, issued May 3, 1994, which is a continuation of USSN 07/875,791, DN 35740XY, filed April 27, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/422,052, DN 35740X, filed October 16, 1989, now abandoned, which is a division of USSN 06/894,689, DN 35740, filed October 8, 1986, now USPN 4,877,949, issued October 31, 1989. The disclosure of USSN 07/422,052, DN 35740X, is incorporated herein by reference.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/215,115, DN 36767YXA, filed March 17, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/965,983, DN 35726YA, filed October 23, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation of USSN 07/719,731, DN 35726Y filed June 24, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/441,007, DN 35726X, filed November 21, 1989, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 06/905,779, DN 35726, filed September 10, 1986, now USPN 4,882,476, issued November 21, 1989. The disclosures of these applications are incorporated herein by reference.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/972,822, DN 6240XA, filed November 6, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/616,602, DN 6240X, filed November 21, 1990, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/238,701, DN 6240, filed August 31, 1988, now USPN 5,019,699, issued May 28, 1991. The disclosure of USSN 07/238,701, DN 6240, is

incorporated herein by reference.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/040,313, DN 5769Z, filed March 29, 1993, currently pending, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/451,322, DN 5769Y, filed December 15, 1989, now USPN 5,227,614, issued July 13, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/143,921, DN 5769X, filed January 14, 1988, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 06/897,547, DN 5769, filed August 15, 1986, now abandoned. The disclosure of USSN 07/143,921, DN 5769X, is incorporated herein by reference.

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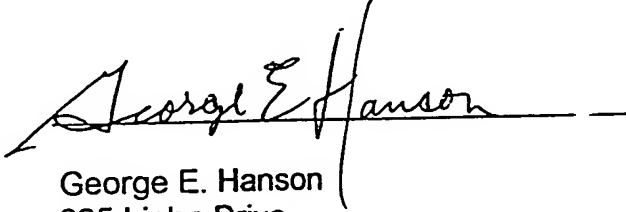
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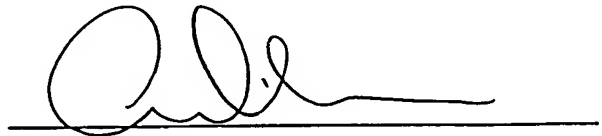
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